

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A thruster mounted to the transom of a boat and aligned to provide a lateral thrust for maneuvering the boat at low speeds.

- 5 The thruster comprises a central housing having a propeller therein, and two extension members extending oppositely outwardly from end openings of the housing. The extension members each have a lower perimeter portion located below the water line of the boat and arranged to prevent ambient air from
- 10 being entrained into the water that goes through the central thruster section.